

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 30-31, 60-61, 82-83, 88 and 90-106 remain in this application. Claims 1-29, 32-55, 57-59, 62-64, 66, 81, 84-87, and 89 have been canceled. Claims 65 and 67-80 have been withdrawn. Claims 90-106 are new.

Claims 65 and 67-80 have been withdrawn as the result of an earlier restriction requirement.

In view of the Examiner's earlier restriction requirement, applicant retains the right to present claims 65 and 67-80 in a divisional application.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 57-64 and 66 because claim 57 was initially misnumbered, as the claims jump from claim number 55 to claim number 57 and requested that those claims following claim 55 be renumbered. In a telephone conference between Examiner Gonzalez and Applicant's attorney on September 26, 2005, it was agreed that, because of the disposition of the effected claims, renumbering would not presently be required.

The Examiner objected to claims 30, 31, 60, 61, 82, 83 and 88 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims.

Applicant has amended claims 30, 31, 60, 61, 82, 83 and 88 in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims.

Applicant respectfully suggests that, as amended, claims 30, 31, 60, 61, 82, 83 and 88 are allowable.

Claims 90-106 are new and are not disclosed or suggested by the prior art of record.

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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted

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